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NOTE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Following consultations of the members of the Security Council held on 3 January 1992, the President, on behalf of the members of the Council, made the following statement:

"The members of the Security Council have noted with appreciation the briefing provided by the Secretary-General on the agreement signed late in the night of 31 December by the Government of El Salvador and the FMLN which, when implemented, will put a definite end to the Salvadorean armed conflict. The members of the Council warmly welcomed the agreement which is of vital importance for the normalization of the situation in El Salvador and in the region as a whole. They place on record their thanks and appreciation for the enormous contribution of Señor Pérez de Cuéllar and his Personal Representative, Alvaro de Soto, their collaborators, and all the Governments, especially those of Colombia, Mexico, Spain and Venezuela, that have assisted Señor Pérez de Cuéllar in his efforts.

"The members of the Council urge the parties to show maximum flexibility in resolving the pending issues in the negotiations at United Nations Headquarters starting this weekend. They also urge the parties to exercise maximum restraint and to take no action in the coming days which would be contrary to the agreement reached in New York and to the excellent spirit in which these talks took place.

"They welcomed tne Secretary-General's intention, stated today, to submit a written report and proposals early next week with a view to Council action both regarding verification of cease-fire arrangements and the monitoring of the maintenance of public order pending the establishment of the new National Civil Police. This will require the approval by the Council of new tasks for ONUSAL. The members of the Council stand ready to deal expeditiously with any recommendations that the Secretary-General may make."

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